

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT

Part I. Mexico

Part II. U.S. Consulate Information

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http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_970.html

How to register with the Consulate online: <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services available to visitors

Mexico has a predominantly Roman Catholic population. Due in part to its proximity to the U.S., the northern border region of Mexico enjoys a larger group of religions than is typically found in the interior of the country. The burial and funeral customs in the Nogales consular district are not vastly different from mainstream practices of the United States.

There are a number of Roman Catholic churches in the area. However, there are also churches from a wide range of denominations such as Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventist, Baptists, Methodists, Mormons, Evangelical Christians, Pentecostals, and Presbyterians. The nearest Jewish Synagogue known to the Consulate in Mexico is in Tijuana, Baja California, some 450 miles from Nogales, Sonora, though there are several in Tucson, Arizona.

Part IV. Funeral Directors, Morticians and Related Services Available in the Host Country

The following list of funeral homes has been prepared by the U.S. Consulate Nogales, Mexico. Consulate Nogales assumes no responsibility for the professional ability or reputation of, or the quality of services provided by, the following persons or firms. Names are listed alphabetically, grouped by city, and the order in which they appear has no other significance. Professional credentials and areas of expertise are provided directly by the funeral directors, morticians and other service providers. All phone numbers are Mexican; to reach them from the U.S. first dial 011 52 and then the number.

Agua Prieta

Funeraria Barragán	(633) 338-2966	Calle 4 Ave 7 y 8 #703
	(633) 338-2683	Colonia Centro

Funeraria Renacimiento	(633) 338-8800	Calle 2 y Ave 7
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	(633) 338-0326	Colonia Centro
Velatorio DIF Agua Prieta	(633) 338-3227	Ave 10 Calle 20 esquina Colonia Centro
<u>Caborca</u>		
Funeraria Carillo	(637) 372-5900	Calle Obregón 321 Oeste Colonia Fco. Villa
Funeraria San Francisco	(637) 372-1277	Calle Obregón 87 Este Colonia Obrera
Velatorio DIF Caborca	(637) 327-1444	Calle 12 final Colonia Centro
<u>Cananea</u>		
Funeraria Cananea	(645) 332-0345 (645) 332-2619	Ave. Obregón 161 Colonia Centro
Velatorio DIF Cananea	(645) 332-1800	Calle Dulut Entre Colorada y Sierra del Cobre Colonia Minera
<u>Magdalena</u>		
Funeraria Ochoa	(632) 322-3685 (632) 322-3686 (fax)	Ave. 5 de Mayo 104 Norte Colonia Centro
<u>Naco</u>		
Velatorio DIF Naco	(633) 334-0107	Ave Fco I Madero s/n Colonia Centro
<u>Nogales</u>		
Funerales y Crematorio J.G. Noriega	(631) 313-5360 (631) 313-5362	Blvd Luis D Colosio # 2697 Colonia Kennedy
Funeraria Aguirre	(631) 313-5789	Escobedo 173 Fundo Legal
Funeraria Noriega Centro	(631) 313-5924 (631) 313-5773	Moctezuma # 694 Colonia Centro
<u>Puerto Peñasco (Rocky Point)</u>		
Funeraria Carrillo	(638) 383-7100	Simón Morua #200 Sin colonia
Funeraria Santa Cecilia	(638) 383-2522	Aquiles Serdán #47

(638) 383-4372 (fax) sin colonia

San Luis Rio Colorado

Funerales del Valle	(653) 534-5610	Calle 17 #1700
	(653) 535-8219	Colonia Jalisco

Funeraria Jardines del Paraíso	(653) 534-3094	5 de Mayo #527
	(653) 536-9887	Colonia Comercial

Funeraria Santa Fe	(653) 535-6572	Av. 16 de Sept. y Calle 5ta #501
		Colonia Comercial

Santa Ana

Funeraria Ochoa	(641) 324-2011	Ferrocarril s/n Km. 106
		sin colonia

Sonoyta

Funeraria Soto	(651) 101-2230	Iturbide #44 entre Galeana y Morelos
	1 (651) 100-8843 (cell)	Colonia Centro

Part V. Disposition of Remains

The following general information is provided to assist families with their initial decisions following the death of a loved one. Indicated costs are estimates, based on deaths with no unusual circumstances.

A. Maximum Period Before Interment

- (1) There is no fixed period if the body is embalmed and refrigeration is available. Both services are generally available in northern Sonora.
- (2) Within 24 hours after death, if body is not embalmed.

B. Embalming

Northern Sonora has many funeral homes, 22 firms are on the Consulate's list. Not all funeral homes on the list offer embalming services. Embalming must be done within 24 hours after death. Embalming services are generally not up to United States standards.

C. Cremation

Local laws permit cremation if requested by next of kin, who must be present to sign the cremation paperwork. Local cremation procedures result in a fine ash, very similar to the results of cremations performed in the United States.

D. Caskets and Containers

Caskets and containers are available locally. Caskets can be hermetically sealed in the case of a death from a communicable disease.

E. Exportation of Remains

Local funeral homes obtain original copies of the following documents in order to export a body: Mexican death certificate, permit from the health department, embalming permit. These original documents must be presented by the person traveling with the remains at the port of entry into the United States.

F. Costs

All costs are subject to change and have been converted from pesos to dollars at an exchange rate of 12 pesos per 1 USD. The actual exchange rate will be the prevailing rate at the time expenses are incurred.

(1) Burial. The lowest cost of burial in northern Sonora is \$306 for interment in a local cemetery using a wooden casket. Costs for local burials in the northern Sonora area range from \$306 to \$2,000.

(2) Embalming. The cost of embalming in northern Sonora: \$300 to \$600

(3) Preparation for shipment. The average cost of permits required to ship the remains is \$250 to \$1,200.

(4) Shipping. Remains may be transported to the United States by land at one of several international border crossings. Many families opt to cross the remains by land to Tucson and fly them home from the Tucson International Airport, which generally costs less. The cost is similar to that of commercial passenger fare. There are no restrictions on placing cremated remains with checked baggage (as long as the death certificate and other documentation are on hand).

(5) Caskets. The cost of caskets available locally ranges from \$285 to \$2,725.

(6) Cremation. The cost of local cremation, including permits, death certificate and a temporary container, averages \$1,000.

G. Exhumation

Generally, exhumation is not permitted until five years after initial interment. However, if next of kin had not been aware of the decedent's death and burial in Mexico, the remains may be exhumed at any time. The cost of a permit for exhumation is about \$115 plus labor costs.

Exhumation labor costs have no fixed price, since they depend upon the amount of work and time required for exhumation.

H. Autopsies

An autopsy is routinely performed unless the individual died in a hospital or was, at the time of death, being attended to by a physician. Exceptions for religious reasons are extremely rare. In Nogales' Consular district, autopsies are preformed in the funeral homes by roving medical examiners.